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REMARKS

Applicant has considered the outstanding official action. It is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance as set forth below.

The drawings are objected to as (1) not including the reference number "11" as mentioned in the specification and (2) as including the reference number "4" which is not mentioned in the specification. Applicant is submitting herewith Figure 1 showing amendment thereof deleting the reference number "4" and inserting the reference number "11" as mentioned at page 6, line 14, of the specification. Also submitted is a replacement sheet with the correction made therein. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

The outstanding rejections are as follows:

(1) Claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S.

Patent No. 5,065,895 (De Luca); and

(2) Claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over De Luca.

Claims 4-12 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but are stated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1-3 have been canceled. Claims 4, 11 and 12 have been rewritten in independent form. Claims 5-10 are

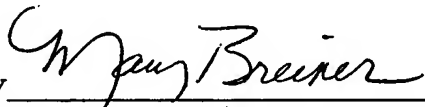
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dependent directly or indirectly on independent claim 4.  
Accordingly, claims 4-12 are now in condition for allowance  
and the rejections of claims 1-3 are rendered moot.

Reconsideration and allowance of the application  
is respectfully urged.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments - Amended Figure 1  
- Replacement Sheet Containing Figures 1-7

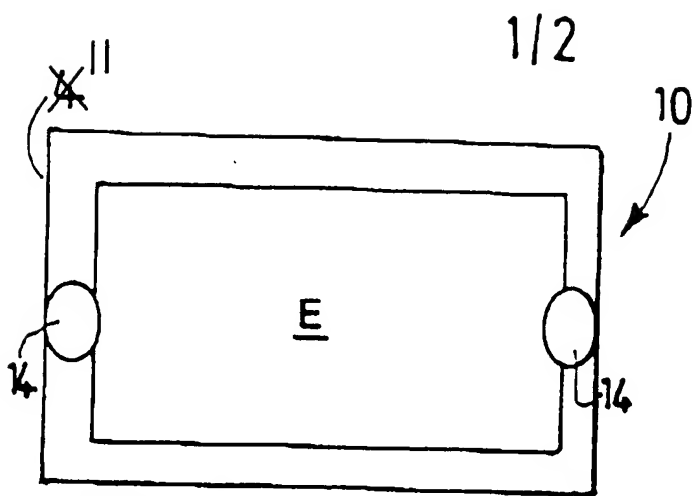


FIG.1

